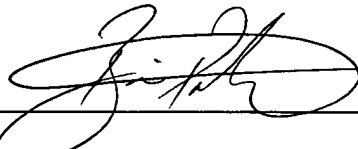


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In response to the Notification of Missing Requirements Under 35 U.S.C. 371 in the United States Designated/Elected Office (DO/EO/US) (mailed August 6, 1999), Applicants submit herewith a fully executed Declaration, in order to complete the filing requirements for the U.S. national phase of the above-identified PCT application. The application filed in the Patent Office is the application which the inventors executed by signing the Declaration and Power of Attorney. A copy of the Notification of Missing Requirements is also enclosed.

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